

## The Brighton Beach Memoir Review

The Brighton Beach Memoir is a play about a teenage boy who is obsessed with his cousin and baseball and his family during 1930's in US. His family is going through several financial problems. He has this crazy dream about playing imaginary baseball in his backyard, which makes a lot of noise and bothers his family members.

His brother, Stanley, is a high school graduate who works at a hat shop. He recently got into trouble with his employer while standing up for his fellow employee. He has to decide whether to write the letter of apology and get his job back, or to stand up for his principles. He talks to his father and at the end, he writes the letter and gets his job back.

His father, Jack, works at a raincoat factory and a party favor which ran out of business. His father, a responsible and a moral leader of the family, is having a minor heart attack. He has 7 family members to take care of. He values principles and taught his son about them.

His mother, Kate, is abusive and mean to his own son. Always yelling and hitting him. His aunt is a widowed woman who takes care of her 2 daughters. Nora, who got chosen to be in a Broadway play, and Laurie, a sick child.

I think this play is great. It incorporates family humor with love and challenges that normal families go through. It has strong emotion of love and caring, also desire for wealth with struggle for economic survival. This clearly explains the family life from a teenage boy's perspective.